

WASHINGTON NEWS

Epitome of Happenings at the National Capital.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS AS SALAD

United States Senator Cockrell of Missouri Will Accept Position Tendered by President Roosevelt.

In the annual report of the secretary of war, William H. Taft, just made public, it is urged that all products of the Philippines except sugar and tobacco be admitted to the United States free of duty, and that upon these two products a material reduction in duty be made. The report shows a standing army of 59,181 men, and that a great improvement has been made in sanitary conditions, reducing the death rate. The building of a new executive department is also urged.

President Roosevelt has issued an order amending the civil service rules so as to include within the classification services the positions of deputy collectors of customs and the chief collector at each sub-port. Future appointments, therefore, must be based upon competitive examinations. The order affects about 400 positions.

And now it is chrysanthemum salad. It isn't so very good, but if you want to be in fashion you must have it once in the season, anyhow. And you must remark, when your guests say, "Oh, how very unique," "Oh, we have it often since the prince taught us how to make it." That gives you a kind of standing, don't you know. The "prince" is Prince Fushimi, who was perfectly amazed when the chrysanthemum exhibit which was "on" in the government hothouses when he was here. He said that never in his life had he seen anything as fine as an article of food. The method of preparing the flowers for the table, the prince said, was as follows: First immerse the blooms in boiling water for from five to six minutes. Then take them out of the hot water and plunge them in cold. After being thoroughly chilled the petals are pulled off, and are seasoned to taste with oil, vinegar, pepper and salt. This the prince said, was a favorite salad in his country with all classes. Not only are the fresh flowers used that way, the prince went on to say, but they are also dried for winter use. Before drying the petals are plucked and when the housewife wishes to use them they are soaked in water until they expand to their original size. Then they are treated with the boiling and cold water baths, as the fresh flowers. The prince said that as a general thing only the white and yellow chrysanthemums are used in the preparation of salads in Japan.

Colonel Bromwell, the engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, reports to the war department the practical completion of two new green houses for the white house, located in the monument grounds, and the commencement of a third house in the same locality for use in storing the bay trees from the white house during the winter. The new building will be 170 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high.

One by one the powers are accepting President Roosevelt's suggestion that another session of The Hague tribunal be convened to complete the work outlined by the first peace congress. Secretary Hay has just received cordial responses from Sweden and Mexico. The Swedish government expresses its gratitude to the president for calling the matter to the attention of the powers, accepts the invitation and expresses the opinion that one of the most important subjects which the court should consider is the effect of war on the rights of neutrals and a definition of contraband of war. Mexico's acceptance is equally cordial.

Senator Cockrell of Missouri has been offered his choice of two positions by the president. He can go on the isthmian canal commission, or he can take the vacancy on the interstate commerce commission. In either case his salary will be about \$7000, which will be an increase of at least \$2500 over what he receives as United States senator, so it will have paid Senator Cockrell pretty well to have Missouri go republican. Senator Cockrell is perfectly willing to accept anything the president has to give him, but, of course, his term in the United States senate does not expire until March 4, 1905.

LACROSS ENTHUSIASTS.

Big Association Formed to Forward the Game.

New York, Dec. 24.—If the plans of the Inter University Lacrosse Association as proposed at the annual meeting of the organization just held here are successful, there will be no division of authority as at present and the game may become one of the most popular of college sports.

The amalgamation of the Interuni-

versity and Intercollegiate Associations has been talked of for some time, but the matter has now been placed in such shape as to give encouragement to the promoters that the two organizations will work together.

The object of the coalition is to have uniform playing rules among the colleges of the east. The Interuniversity Association is composed of Columbia, Harvard, Cornell and Pennsylvania. The Intercollegiate is made up of Lehigh, Swarthmore, Stevens and Johns Hopkins.

BRAZILIAN TROUBLES.

Government is Having Good Time With Enemies.

New York, Dec. 24.—The chief of police has handed to the government the result of his investigation of the recent disturbances, cables the Rio Janeiro, Brazil, correspondent of the Herald. He says the object was to overthrow the republic. It was proposed, according to the report, that Senator Lauro Sodre should be Dictator until the re-establishment of the monarchy. The revolution was to have begun October 17, but failed in consequence of the vigilance of the police.

This report is considered strange continues the correspondent, as all the heads of the movement are known as good republicans.

The senate, acceding to the request of the government, has authorized the trial of Sodre by a council of war.

The supreme court has denied the habeas corpus presented in favor of Sodre and the Deputies Varella, Barbosa and Lima.

ESTATE SETTLED.

Million Dollar Property Settled by Judge Wallace.

Visalia, Cal., Dec. 24.—Judge Wallace of the superior court of Tulare county has handed down his decision in regard to who is entitled to letters of administration in the estate of Jane Davis who died in New York and left an estate in California valued at over a million dollars. Since William Gordon French, an alleged heir of San Francisco, had assigned his interest in the estate to his attorneys and that although his interests were reassigned to him the court held that he was not entitled to any portion of the estate as an heir at law, but merely as an assignee.

That being the case Judge Wallace issued letters to the public administrator of Tulare county, who filed the first petition in the case as he considered that he had the better right to letters.

MYSTERY DEEPENS.

End of Paul Syveton Likely to Lead to Others' Fate.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The mystery of the death of Paul Syveton is developing into a plot and a counter plot rivaling the most fervid of the dramas of Paul Hervieu. The evidence of assassination is increasing, and it is expected it will lead to sensational arrests.

Mme. Syveton has begun action against the newspapers for publishing stories leading to her husband's death.

JOY AT THE FORT

Soldiers Will Live High For To-Day Anyway.

MENU DOES THE MESS CREDIT

Football Game With Chemawa Indians Had to Be Postponed a Day or Two on Account of a Change in Dates—Dance to Be Given.

At Ft. Stevens today the soldiers of the Ninety-third company, coast artillery, will hold high carnival. Under the gracious patronage of Captain Harry L. Steele, and by the kind providence that loaned Q. M. Sergeant Sidney O. Logan, to the "mess," the boys of the artillery will live high.

Non-believers are required to cast their eyes over the following menus and to observe that the soldiers do not make any discrimination in the matter of dinner, but demand three meals, and good ones:

Christmas Menu.

Breakfast—Fruit, T-bone steak, French fried potatoes, breakfast rolls, bread and butter; chocolate.
Dinner—Oyster stew, roast goose, bread dressing, cranberry sauce, roast sucking pig, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, sweet corn, green peas, Celery, olives, plum duff, Vanilla sauce, oranges, bananas, grapes, apples, nuts, assorted candies, coffee, beer, cigars.

Supper—Cold roast goose, cold roast pig, cranberry sauce, catsup, Swiss cheese, mince pie, cakes, nuts, assorted fruit, tea, bread, butter, cigars.

Approved: H. L. Steele Captain Artillery corps, Commanding Company.

There are endless stories of midnight connivance connected with the soldiers' celebration, but it would be dishonorable to divulge all the secrets of the corps, and it is only necessary to mention that Sergeant Logan compelled the murder of part of the company pigs for the feast. Henry Cauley, first-class gunner, escaped, but that was only because Ernest McGowan, also a first-class gunner, felt that it would be cannibalism to feed on Henry's brisket.

A game with the Chemawa Indians was scheduled for tomorrow, but on account of the conflict of dates it was found necessary to postpone the game, which will probably be held on Tuesday, though the exact time, and the schedule will be announced in the Astorian as soon as it is decided.

In addition to the other festivities it has been decided by the soldiers to hold a dance on some date during January, and it is expected this function will be on a scale that will surpass any yet attempted at the fort.

Pears'

Soap, like books, should be chosen with discretion. Both are capable of infinite harm.

The selection of Pears' is a perfect choice and a safeguard against soap evils.

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THIRTY-FOURTH EATS.

Feast is the Limit of the Art of the Premier Chef.

The Thirty-fourth coast artillery at Fort Stevens will have a dinner today that has peculiar features, though the pieces-de-resistance seem to mean all that is intended, and the soldiers of the company will be far from starving.

Roast pork served on a short truck should be an impressive part of the dinner. When the heroes of Ant-hill see the viands coming their way, the betting is even that they will stay to eat it.

The chef knows what he is doing.

The menu follows:

Menu.
Oyster Soup
(Served in Oil Measures)
Celery Pickles Crackers
Roast Turkey
(On Loading Trays)
Cranberry Sauce Gilet Gravy
Cosmic Dressing
Roast Pork
(Served on Short Trucks)
Apple Sauce
Sweet Potatoes Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Corn Green Peas
Bread Butter
Pumpkin Pie Apple Pie Mince Pie
Oranges Bananas
Chocolate Cigars Coffee
(Fused if called for)
Master of Ceremonies—Q. M. Sergt. Thomas N. Hulse. Cooks—Theodore Heins and Earl V. Wilson, assisted by Benj. F. Perin. Decorations by company artist.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Arbitration is the Means to Effect the End.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Arbitration has been employed successfully to settle wage scale differences between office building managers and 200 stationary firemen employed in 150 downtown office blocks.

The arbitration tribunal has been in session for two weeks.

CANDIES PAR EXCELLENCE

Largest Factory in Oregon is in City of Astoria.

Polycarpus' candies cannot be sold as cheap as some, but the best products of the candymakers' art are produced in the immense factory of the Eastern Candy Company, on Duane street, and the choice sweets that you need to grace your Christmas board, and to fill the little one's stockings with, are the cheapest, because they are the best, at the store on Commercial street.

You wouldn't give your children poison? Then don't give them inferior candies.

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If these fixtures were removed and "Standard" Baths and One-Piece Lavatories installed in their places, it would not only improve the sanitary condition of the house, but increase its selling value as well.

We invite all persons interested in Modern Bath Rooms to visit our show rooms and examine the samples of "Standard" ware we have on display.

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AT THE STAR NEXT WEEK.



WILL CHARM OBSERVERS.

At the Star on Monday will appear plause from crowded houses over two circuits.

The Zat Zems, sensational knife throwers, will do their "turn;" one of that is hair-raising and thrills any audience.

"Herbert, the Frog Man," is a contortionist with something out of the usual line, and his act has elicited ap-

Weaver and Jones, impersonators, are promised as a "card" Whelma and Holmes, the acrobatic "Chinks," are a source of delight to comedy lovers. A new illustrated song, in the favorite singer's best voice, is promised, as well as a new set of moving pictures.

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